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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION HAS MADE 25TH ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Sharp 12.—The effect of the order was to require the interstate commerce commission to make its 25th annual report to congress in the 25th annual report of the interstate commerce commission transmitted to congress on the 25th day of December.

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of it, and to permit the railroads of this country to select points where they will, and where they will not compete would be intolerable.

In discussing the effect of water competition upon rates the commission says that it "cannot fix a rate from New York to San Francisco below which the rail line shall not go, for it has no authority to fix a minimum rate. There is, therefore, no way in which it can prevent discrimination by the filing of an absolute rate at San Francisco and another absolute rate at Reno. It can only accomplish this purpose by prescribing the difference which may properly exist owing to the effect of this competition and allowing the carrier to make whatever rate it sees fit to the more distant point so long as it observes this differential."

The report indicates the desire of shippers from points in the interior of the country to obtain the same rates to the Pacific coast that are accorded by the railroads to their competitors on the Atlantic seaboard. The rates are made the same by the transcontinental lines on the ground of market competition.

To justify their rates from coast,

says the report, "the railroads advance water competition, and to justify the same rates from interior points to Pacific coast points they rely on market competition, under which they give lower rates from all the interior cities two-thirds of the way across the continent to the same coast cities than to inter-mountain points. This is the kind of discrimination the commission has attempted to minimize."

While the commission recognizes the full effect of water competition upon the rail rates it says "we have the frank admission of the railroad managers that they have subsidized or brought some of the steamship lines and terrorized others until they can make the boast that the effect of the sea has been neutralized."

"A railroad policy of rate making must certainly be subject to limitations of the law, or else there is no law. To say that there is a long-and-short-haul section under which a carrier may not charge more for the shorter than for the longer haul, but that the railroad may, to any extent they please, carry out a policy of blanketing the country for the benefit of the farther points and not the nearer points, is to say that a railroad may, without restraint, effect a ruinous discrimination and give no justification save its own determination of whim. There can be no regulation of rates as to discrimination or preference under such an interpretation of the law."

The commerce court intimates that having attempted to fix a relation of rates instead of establishing reasonable rates; but, as we have already pointed out, there is no way in which these tariffs can be prevented except by a differential, since we have no power to establish an absolute rate or fix a minimum charge below which the carrier is not free to go.

"We feel strongly that water competition, even when the water carrier is given the benefit of the effect of market competition, cannot by any possibility justify a higher rate from Omaha to Reno than from Omaha to San Francisco; from St. Paul to Spokane than from St. Paul to Seattle."

Upon the other hand, it should be noted that the opening of the Panama Canal may so add to the intensity of this water competition as to call for some modification of the conclusion now reached.

The commission holds the fixing of reasonable rates to be a legislative function, not subject to review by the courts. Congress, it is maintained, has delegated that power to the commission, and the intimation is clear that the courts, in the opinion of the commission, has no power to review such rates as may have been established through the action of the commission in the trans-continental cases.

The report declares that during the last year 652 cases, embodying 507 formal decisions were disposed of. During the year 881 formal complaints were filed and 12 proceedings of inquiry were instituted by the commission there were instituted 43 proceedings on its own initiative. In addition to investigations and suspensions of tariffs containing proposed increases, 4,225 informal complaints, 5,653 claims, and 5,723 applications for relief from the operation of the long-and-short-haul provision.

At sessions of the commission held in Washington and elsewhere, 943 hearings were held at which more than 95,000 pages of testimony were taken. In the twelve months ended November 30, 1911, 121,829 tariff publications were filed, an average of more than 400 for each working day.

An elaborate discussion is presented of the work of the division of inquiry showing that since December 1, 1910, 62 indictments for criminal violations of the act to regulate commerce were returned. The aggregate of fines assessed was \$214,225. Many investigations were made that disclosed practices not of sufficient gravity to warrant prosecution but of such doubtful propriety that the commission ordered their discontinuance. In this connection the commission says significantly:

"It becomes increasingly evident that entire freedom from discrimination can be secured only by a complete separation of the business of transportation from every form of commercial or industrial enterprise."

TRANSFORMERS FOR TWO POWER PLANTS

Bids for Equipment Furnished by Water Users' Association.

Bids were opened yesterday at the office of the Water Users' association for electric transformers to be used in the Arizona Falls and Hole in the Rock plants.

The bids were for two lots of six each, one lot to be ordered at once and the second to be ordered if desired. The bidders on the two items, amounts and days on which the delivery will be made were as follows: Allis-Chalmers Co., of Milwaukee, Wis.—\$8,100, 45 days; \$8,100, 60 days. Maloney Electric Co., St. Louis—\$12,600, 150 days; \$12,600, 180 days. General Electric Co., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—\$10,993, 108 days; \$10,993, 140 days. Westinghouse Electric Co., East

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All the bids were referred to the chief electrical engineer of the reclamation service for tabulation, analysis and recommendation.

THE PIPE THAT RALEIGH SMOKED.

The Indian pipe that Sir Walter Raleigh smoked up to the time of his execution has just been sold in London for nearly \$400. The purchaser was Alfred Danhill of London. Two years ago \$1,000 was offered for the pipe and refused. Its value was reduced considerably by the loss of a parchment giving its history. The pipe is in four parts, the stem, bowl, both stem and bowl fit. It is a foot in length and weighs a pound. Faces of Indians, dogs and what appear to be monkeys are carved on it. Attached to the stem as part of it is a whistle that gives a shrill call. The entire pipe is of wood.

TO KEEP WAISTS DAINTY.

A pretty waist protector can be made of blue muslin, bound with white silk tape. Use a piece of plain blue muslin twenty-six inches square, and bind the edges with the silk tape. In the center cut a hole large enough to slip the neck of the blouse through. Bind the edge of this hole also.

Little drops of water poured into the milk gives the milkman's daughter lovely gooms of silk. Little grains of sugar mingled with the sand makes the grocer's assets swell to heat the hand. Little beads of custard, ham-bile tho' they seem, help enrich the fellow selling pure ice cream. Little rocks and boulders, little chunks of slate, make the coal man's fortune something fierce and great. Little ads well written and printed give and meat, gives the joyful merchant a home on easy street.—Sanguine Crescent.

USING BLOODHOUNDS.

LENDON—The police are experimenting on a large scale with bloodhounds as aid in tracking fugitives. Some successful trials have been held. In one case the bloodhounds trailed the supposed fugitive out of the heart of the city into Salisbury Plain.

AN OBSERVANT KID.

"Ready for Christmas, Jimmy?" "Aes, sir." "You believe in Santa Claus, don't you?" "Sure; I've seen him. He wears false whiskers."

Don't Let the Young Folks Go Another Year Without a New Piano

Give Them One For Christmas

So many fathers and mothers that are giving their children piano instructions are permitting them to do their practicing on an old antiquated "tinpanny" instrument that has been handed down from great-grandfather to great-grandmother, or worse still, on a cheap instrument. This is a very grave mistake. Do not let it go any further.

By all means buy them the best piano obtainable and be sure of the quality of tone and elasticity of action

We have been in the piano business for a great many years and have had experience with all types and grades of instruments. The close study we have given same has equipped us to judge and make positive that an instrument is right in every particular before it goes out of our warerooms. We have convinced some of the most critical musicians.

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Every man wants a piano in his home. Now, probably you are one of those that have just been putting it off from time to time, but thinking, sooner or later, you would buy one. Don't wait any longer. We know that we can sell you the piano you ought to own, and we will arrange the payments on such easy time that you will hardly miss the money at all.

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